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SECURITY INFORMATIONCOUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. 25X1ATOPIC Kummersdorf Bomb and Firing RangeEVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 19 April to 12 June 1953DATE OBTAINED 3 August 1953REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

1. Between 19 April and 12 June 1953, only bombing was practiced at the Kummersdorf bombing range by Il-28s. They approached individually or in very loose formation from horizontal flight at an altitude of 1,500 meters. On 8 June, only two jet bombers attacked the target while flying in formation at an interval of about 30 meters. When bombing was practiced at night, the bombs left a fire trail. 25X1A particularly during the daytime, planes approached the range once without bombing and on the next approach released one or two bombs.

2. Between 6 May and 6 June, while there was good visibility bombing was practiced by jet bombers which approached the targets individually and in formation. It appeared as though the bombs hit the targets accurately. Only seldom was a hit observed outside the marked-off target section. On 28 May, source determined that some of the bomb craters were 4 meters in diameter and, 2 meters deep and others were 2 meters in diameter and 1 to 1 1/2 meters deep.

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Comment. Kummersdorf bomb range is probably used by the Southern Bnr Div and the ground attack regiment stationed in Reinsdorf.

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